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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Scientific Intelligence
Director of Weapons Intelligence
Director of Strategic Research

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Study on Soviet Naval Readiness

Thanks for your memo of 19 October on a Study on Soviet Naval Readiness. I think your approach and schema are excellent. My only other suggestion is that this not be just an NFAC study but that you involve elements of DIA and ONI. Unless I misunderstand you, one of our principal complaints in military analysis around here is that the military won't clue us in on the characteristics of our own weapon systems and their tactical applications. I feel strongly we need to know those things in order to do good intelligence analysis, e.g., the study of Soviet ECCM that just can't be done without knowledge of our own ECM capabilities. Thus, when the SecDef asks us to do a very military study like this, it seems to me it's a tremendous opportunity to involve ourselves with military intelligence. They can't turn us down on information we need here and we will develop working relationships that will let you overcome a lot of the barriers that I can only break down partially by my efforts to persuade the top people. In short, I think we should pay a considerable price, if necessary, to involve DIA and ONI in this effort.

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